

# Attractions in Asikkala and Vääksy

 Guided tours and group trips: [www.asikkala-oppaat.fi](http://www.asikkala-oppaat.fi)

## 1 Old Vääksy

Known for the beautiful canal area, as well as many cozy coffee shops and a variety of boutiques, Old Vääksy attracts visitors even from afar. The area is particularly popular in the summertime. River Vääksynjoki and the Norrlin park offer great opportunities to enjoy peaceful nature. A guided walking tour introduces visitors to the stories and eventful history of the buildings.

**MORE INFORMATION AND A MAP OF THE WALKING TOUR:**  
[www.vanhavaaksy.fi](http://www.vanhavaaksy.fi)

## 2 Vääksy Canal area

The Vääksy Canal between lakes Vesijärvi and Päijänne, which serves as a gateway to the Finnish lakeland, was completed in 1871. Today, the charming canal area attracts visitors to enjoy a summer day, watch the lockage of boats, explore the parks, attractions and shops, and have a delicious ice cream in the historical setting.

## 3 Päijännetalo – Päijänne House

Meijeritie 1, Vääksy

Located next to the canal, Päijänne House hosts the leisure fishing museum, where you can see fascinating exhibitions and learn about the birth of the world-famous Rapala lures. Also in the building, Asikkala Tourist Information has the best tips about attractions and activities in the area, and arranges guided nature tours. There is a parking area with electricity outlets for caravans and mobile homes. The building also accommodates the Kanavan Panimo brewery and summer kiosk.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.suomenkalastusmuseo.fi](http://www.suomenkalastusmuseo.fi),  
[www.asikkala.fi](http://www.asikkala.fi) and [www.kanavanpanimo.fi](http://www.kanavanpanimo.fi)

## 4 Vääksy Mill Myllytie 3, Vääksy

The mill at Vääksy is one of the few remaining – and thriving – village mills in Finland. The village shop is known for its excellent produce, which is offered in an atmospheric environment with a smile. Vääksyn Mylly supplies the flour for the famous Viipurilainen kotileipomo rye bread, for example.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.vaaksynmylly.fi](http://www.vaaksynmylly.fi) and Facebook

## 5 Water Mill Museum

The Vääksy Water Mill Museum preserves a centuries-long tradition, and remains a living embodiment of Asikkala's vivid water mill heritage. Museum visitors can participate in guided tours, and popular sing-along events are also arranged.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.asikkala.fi](http://www.asikkala.fi) and by telephone +358 44 7780 680

## 6 Workshops in the canal area Vääksy

**KOIRUUKSIA CERAMICS:**

Pet-themed ceramics. [www.koiruuksia.fi](http://www.koiruuksia.fi)

**KESÄ KÄSILLÄ:**

("Summer at Hand") Handicrafts and art. [fb.com/kesakasilla](https://fb.com/kesakasilla)

**KANAVAN PAJA:** ("Canal Blacksmith") Forged products and art.

Terveystie 5, Vääksy. [www.kanavanpaja.fi](http://www.kanavanpaja.fi)

## 7 Lauri Rapala's statue Vääksy Canal

The statue of Lauri Rapala, (1905 -1974), inventor of the world-famous Rapala lures, is on the riverfront adjacent to the museum.

## 8 Taidevintti exhibition space Kanavatie 17, Vääksy

This exhibition space maintained by the Asikkala Artists' Association hosts fascinating exhibitions.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [taidevintti.suntuubi.com](http://taidevintti.suntuubi.com)

## 9 Danielson-Kalmari villa Kalmarintie 8, Vääksy

This impressive villa and its garden, between the Canal and Kalmarinranta, are definitely worth visiting. The Finnish politician and historian Johan Richard Danielson-Kalmari (1853-1933) acquired the neo-renaissance villa in 1892 as a summer residence for his family. Parts of the villa have been restored for museum display purposes, and the premises are also available for hire as a private venue.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.asikkala.fi](http://www.asikkala.fi), tel. +358 3 888 6111.







**10 Pihamaa Winery and Gardens**  
Siltatie 12, Kalkkinen

Pihamaa is an excellent place to visit and make purchases. You can pick up souvenirs at the shop and coffee shop Viinitupa and just relax, enjoying the wonderful atmosphere and idyllic rural setting.

11 Kalkkinen Canal  
Kanavakulmantie, signage from road 3142

The Kalkkinen Canal connecting lakes Päijänne and Ruotsalainen features the longest stretches of freshwater canal between locks in Europe. It is an interesting summertime sight. The canal and the adjacent Kalkkistenkoski rapids form the start of the Kymenvirta river system.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.asikkalanseurakunta.fi/toimitilat/kirkot](http://www.asikkalanseurakunta.fi/toimitilat/kirkot)

This atmospheric local history museum introduces the area's peasant culture. The museum is close to the Asikkala Church and run by the local heritage association (Asikkalan kotiseutuyhdistys).

**14** Päijänne National Park visitor information  
Lehmonkärientie 180, Asikkala

There is a Pääjärve National Park visitor information point at the Lehmonkärki holiday centre. The information point, as well as other Lehmonkärki facilities, are open all year round.

15 Hägg Taxidermist's Museum Häggintie 28, Urajärvi

The museum displays exhibits related to the work of a taxidermist, preserved animals, and materials from the early 1900s.

16 Urajärvi Manor Museum Kartanontie, Urajärvi

**MORE INFORMATION AND OPENING HOURS:** [www.urajarvenkartanonystavat.fi](http://www.urajarvenkartanonystavat.fi),  
[www.urajarvenkartanoteatteri.fi](http://www.urajarvenkartanoteatteri.fi), [www.kahvilahugojalilly.fi](http://www.kahvilahugojalilly.fi)

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.lahdenilmasilta.fi](http://www.lahdenilmasilta.fi)

**18** Antti's Automobile Museum Vesivehmaantie 308,  
Vesivehmaa

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.antinautomuseo.fi](http://www.antinautomuseo.fi)

19 Children's traffic park

**MORE INFORMATION AND OPENING HOURS:** [www.asikkala.fi](http://www.asikkala.fi)

20 Kalmarinranta recreational area

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.asikkala.fi](http://www.asikkala.fi)